

PERMIT TO USE PRECANCELED POSTAGE STAMPS

You are authorized to use precanceled stamps on matter mailed at this post office under the conditions in part 142, Postal Manual.

PERMIT NUMBER

4437

DATE OF ISSUANCE

August 21, 1962

POST OFFICE (City, zone, State)

Rochester 3, New York

SIGNATURE OF POSTMASTER

John G. Bittner, Acting Postmaster
by *M. Kofin* C.A.S.

ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

(NAME OF PERMIT HOLDER)

Permission granted to use a mailers postmark.

657 East Avenue

(ADDRESS)

Rochester 7, New York

(CITY)

(ZONE)

(STATE)

Excerpts from the Postal Manual

Part 142

PRECANCELED STAMPS

142.1 PURPOSE OF PRECANCELING

.11 DEFINITION.—Precanceling means the cancellation of postage stamps, stamped envelopes, or postal cards in advance of mailing. Adhesive postage stamps may be precanceled only by the post office. (See 142.32.)

.12 BENEFITS.—The use of precanceled postage reduces the time and costs of mail handling. Precanceled mail, sorted and tied in packages by the mailer, requires less processing time in the post office, and is therefore dispatched more quickly.

142.2 USE OF PRECANCELED STAMPS

.21 CLASSES OF MAIL.—You may use precanceled stamps to pay postage on:

- (a) Post cards, but on no other first-class mail, unless specifically authorized by the postmaster on Form 3620. (See 142.32.)
- (b) Second-, third-, and fourth-class mail.

.22 PROHIBITED.—You may not use precanceled postage stamps on matter mailed in boxes, cases, bags, or other containers designed to be reused for mailing purposes.

.23 OVERPRINTING.—If precanceled postage on a single piece is over 8 cents, the precanceled stamps must be overprinted or handstamped in black ink with your initials and the numerical abbreviations of the month and year of use; for example, *A. B. Co. 9-54*. Precanceled stamps overprinted in this way are acceptable on mail during the month shown, and through the 10th of the following month.

.24 RESALE.—Precanceled postage stamps may not be sold by permit holders.

142.3. PRECANCEL PERMIT

.31 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT.—Submit a completed *Precancel Application*, Form 3620, to the post office where you will mail. A fee is not required.

.32 ISSUANCE OF PERMIT.—When your application is approved by the postmaster, you will receive a *Precancel Permit*, Form 3620. If the permit covers the privilege of precanceling stamped envelopes or postal cards with your own cancellation mark, it must contain a statement to that effect. Your canceling mark must include the name of the post office and State; your permit number; and, for first-class mail only, the date of mailing. (See illustration below.) A specimen must be furnished the post office.



.33 REVOCATION.—

- (a) Your permit may be revoked if used in operating any scheme or enterprise of an unlawful character, or for the purpose of purchasing or acquiring stamps for other than mailing purposes, or for nonuse during any 12-month period, or for any noncompliance with the instructions on the *Permit*, Form 3620.
- (b) The permit holder will be notified by the postmaster at the post office that issued the permit that it is to be canceled, and the reasons for cancellation. The permit holder will be allowed 10 days within which to file a written statement why the permit should not be revoked. When no answer is filed, the postmaster will cancel the permit. If an answer is filed, decision will be made by the Assistant Postmaster General, Bureau of Post Office Operations, whether the permit shall be continued in effect. Notice of decision will be given the permit holder through the postmaster.

142.4 MAILINGS OF PRECANCELED MAIL

Precanceled mail must be mailed at the post office where the stamps were purchased. Any number of pieces may be mailed at one time, regardless of whether they are identical, except for third-class bulk mailings. (See 126 and 134, Postal Manual.)